

CONFIDENTIAL

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th and Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In going over our personnel procurement situation, I find that we are presently recruiting personnel at a rate well over 200 individuals per month. This is admittedly a large figure but, as you know, the international situation has put great pressure on our operating offices.

Therefore, may I ask your assistance in taking on an additional 100 cases per month for a period of the next four months. At the end of this time I will be able to furnish you with a revised estimate and expect that this figure will be substantially reduced. In requesting this cooperation, I am fully aware of the enormous workload in the FBI, and realize that we must be willing to accept a longer time period for each investigation.

I would appreciate your views on this matter, and if you wish, I will be glad to discuss it further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

RALPH E. SMITH
Director

cc: Director (2)
Security Officer